

JOHN R. BARTLETT.

[To accompany Special Report No. 27.]

MAY 18, 1860.

Mr. MAYNARD, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred Senate resolution 27, "authorizing the settlement of the accounts of John R. Bartlett, late commissioner to run and mark the boundary line between the United States and Mexico," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That, on the settlement of Mr. Bartlett's accounts with the government, items were suspended to the amount of \$6,443 36; of this there has since been paid Mr. Bartlett the sum of \$1,052 48, and four other disallowed items of small amount.

It appears from the action of the department that the other suspended items cannot be allowed, as they are extraordinary, being "extra compensation to various persons connected with the commission." The propriety of these payments is not questioned, but the Secretary of the Interior, in a letter to your committee, says: "In my opinion some such resolution as referred to would be necessary before these items can be allowed."

It also appears that there are some matters of account open between Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Tansill, who was the commissary to the commission; and Mr. Tansill having also petitioned Congress in the premises, the resolution authorizes the Interior Department to settle and close up the whole matter; and as your committee, after a close examination of the papers and accounts, concur with the view of the Senate, they therefore report back the resolution and recommend its passage.

